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SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ESTONIA AND LATVIA

Russian Federation: revised draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/115 of 16 December 1992.

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the International Covenants on Human Rights, 2/

Taking into account the provisions of the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals Who Are Not Nationals of the Country in which They Live, 3/

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Being convinced that respect for human rights is an inalienable component of maintaining and promoting good-neighbourly relations between States,

Taking note of the human rights problems that affect the significant number of the Russian-speaking population in Estonia and Latvia,

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 40/144, annex.

Noting the statement of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights of 10 March 1993 with respect to the situation in Estonia and Latvia,

Commending the Governments of Estonia and Latvia for the invitation of and cooperation with various international fact-finding missions sent by the United Nations, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that visited Estonia and Latvia with regard to the situation of human rights in these countries,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his rapid response in dispatching fact-finding missions to Estonia and Latvia upon the invitations of the Governments of these countries,

Having considered the reports of the United Nations fact-finding missions to Estonia and Latvia, 4/

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the United Nations fact-finding missions as well as other missions of international experts to Estonia and Latvia made to the Governments of these countries and to the Government of the Russian Federation;
2. Notes the existence of various problems which involve large groups of population in Estonia and Latvia;
3. Welcomes the continuing dialogue between different communities in Estonia and Latvia aimed at confidence-building among the people living in these countries;
4. Welcomes also the cooperation that the Governments of Estonia and Latvia have extended to various international fact-finding missions;
5. Invites the Governments of Estonia and Latvia to take practical measures to implement the recommendations of the Secretary-General as well as other international experts made on the basis of findings of various international fact-finding missions to these countries;
6. Invites all States and parties concerned to foster good-neighbourly relations and to continue their efforts to search for acceptable solutions to the existing problems and solve the remaining issues in conformity with the principles of justice and international law;
7. Requests all States and parties concerned to work in a constructive manner to observe the recommendations and respect the conclusions of the United Nations and other international fact-finding missions, and also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session under the item entitled "Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia" on the progress in this field.
